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Dear Interested Public:

The Bureau of Land Management, Winnemucca District, Humboldt River Field Office (BLM) has issued a Decision Record (DR) and Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) based on the analysis provided in the Environmental Assessment (EA) for the South Sleeper Exploration Project. The EA evaluates Montezuma Mines Inc. (MMI) proposed South Sleeper (BLM record N-092492) Plan of Operations (Plan). The Plan proposes to conduct mineral exploration activities approximately 30 miles north-northwest of Winnemucca in Humboldt County, Nevada, and immediately south of the existing Sleeper Mine.

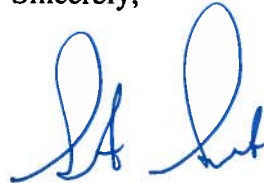
The DR explains the rationale for the selection of the Proposed Action as the management alternative to be implemented. Upon approval of the Plan, MMI will expand existing Notice-level (NVN-092758) exploration to a total of 100 acres of disturbance within the 3,459-acre Project Area boundary. They currently are acknowledged to disturb 4.25 acres under their Notice, and propose to conduct 44.94 acres of disturbance under phase I, and up to 50.81 acres under subsequent phases. The Proposed Action consists of the following exploration related activities: Construction of drill sites, construction of roads, installation of geotechnical auger holes, installation of geologic test pits/trenches, installation of water extraction/monitoring wells, and installation of a meteorological station.

The EA, DR and FONSI can be viewed online at <http://1.usa.gov/1S3aecb>. In addition, hardcopies of these documents are available at the BLM Winnemucca District office at 5100

East Winnemucca Blvd., Winnemucca, Nevada, 89445, during regular business hours, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except federal holidays, or will be provided upon request.

If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Kathleen Rehberg at (775) 623-1500 or at the above address.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'SA Sappington', with a large loop at the end.

Steve Sappington
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